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1. FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ASKED IN REFTEL:

SPECIES - SARGASSUM MUTICUM.

LOCATION AND SIZE OF AREA - PEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT -
FROM SHORE TO ONE MILE OUT PLUS OTHER SMALL AREAS.

DATE AND MANNER OF INTRODUCTION - MANNER UNKNOWN, BUT
HAS BEEN IN EVIDENCE FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS.

HEIGHT - UP TO ABOUT 2 METERS.

RATE OF GROWTH - 1 TO 2 CENTIMETERS PER DAY.

HABITAT - ROCKY SHORE.

LIFE CYCLE - UNKNOWN.

PRESENT EFFECTS ON LOCAL ECOLOGY - CONSTITUTES A THREAT
TO OTHER SEAWEED SPECIES AND IS REMOVED BY HAND.

PROBABLE LONG TERM EFFECTS - HOPEFULLY NONE, AS REMOVED.

2. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE
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